



Sage Creek Special CWD Hunt Area Legal Description (1/6/18 – 2/15/18) – That portion of Hunting District 401 within the following boundary: Beginning with the intersection of the Canadian border and the Liberty-Hill County Line, then south along said line to Liberty County Road 1400 South, then westward along said road to Liberty County Road 1500 East, then continuing straight westward along the southern boundary of sections 07, 08, and 09 in Township 35 North Range 06 East, and sections 10, 11 and 12 in Township 35 North Range 05 East to the Windy Ridge Road, then northerly along said road to the Black Jack Road, then northerly and westerly along said road to Bear Gulch Creek, the northerly along said creek to the Canadian border, then east along said border to the Liberty-Hill County Line, the point of beginning.

Special Regulations for the Sage Creek Special CWD Hunt. Violation of these special regulations is punishable under Commission rules and regulations.

- The Sage Creek Special CWD Hunt will occur only within the defined Initial Response Area (IRA) as shown and described on the map between January 6 and when the sample quota is reached or February 15, 2018, whichever comes first.
- The Special CWD Hunt is open to any legal weapon.
- All harvested animals must be checked at the Sage Creek FWP Special CWD Hunt Check Station, at the FWP Havre Area Office, or as otherwise arranged with FWP staff within three days of harvest. The Sage Creek Check Station is located at the junction of the Laird and Flat Collee Roads about a mile northwest of the Sage Creek Colony and will be open from 10:00 to one hour after sunset daily except Martin Luther King Day. The Havre Area Office will be open 10AM to 2PM on weekdays, and is located at 2165 Hwy 2 East, Havre, Ph. 406-265-6177.
- To prevent the spread of CWD, whole carcasses or whole heads and/or spinal columns may not be taken out of Toole, Liberty, or Hill Counties (the Transport Restriction Zone or TRZ) unless the animal has tested negative for CWD.
- If you harvest an animal you will be required to document the exact location of the kill using a GPS device, a USGS Topographic Map, or on the map at FWP when you check your animal.
- All deer harvested during the Special CWD Hunt must be sampled for CWD. Species, sex and age of the animal will be recorded and retropharyngeal lymph nodes or the brain stem, a tooth for aging, and a genetic sample will be collected. Hunters who quarter or bone out their animal in the field must bring the head to the check station, regional headquarters or other arranged location for inspection. Deer will be tagged with a plastic tag reading "MTFWP CWD TEST" and a unique identification number.

Further Hunt Information:

- If you check in an animal you will be given a card with the unique identification number so that you can look up test results on the FWP website at: fwp.mt.gov/CWD. Test results are usually available in about 10 days.
- Updates on hunt progress will be available every Tuesday at: fwp.mt.gov/CWD.
- The spinal column may be left in the field at the kill site with landowner permission. Carcass parts that may be removed from the TRZ include:
 - meat that is cut and wrapped or meat that has been separated from the bone.
 - quarters or other portions of meat with no part of the spinal column or head attached
 - hides with no heads attached
 - skull plates or antlers with no meat or tissue attached
 - skulls that have been boiled and cleaned to remove flesh and tissue
- To reduce risk of CWD spread, hunters are strongly encouraged to dispose of hides, bones and trimmings at approved landfills.
- A Special CWD Hunt does not grant hunter access to any private land. The hunt area is almost all private land, and hunters must get landowner permission to hunt on private land, and be respectful of landowners.
- The hunt area abuts the Canadian border. Do not go on or across the international border!
- The Special CWD Hunt will end once the pre-determined sample goal of 135 deer has been met or on Feb. 15, whichever comes first. FWP will publicize the end of the hunt by contacting hunters who purchased licenses and through press releases, social media, the FWP website, radio, TV, and other venues.
- You are encouraged to take precautions, including using gloves and eye protection, minimizing the handling of brain and spinal tissues, washing hands and instruments thoroughly after field dressing an animal, and avoiding the consumption of brain, spinal cord, eyes, spleen, tonsils and lymph nodes of harvested animals.